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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 1994

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WOODWORTH, LOUISIANA

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, November 3, 1994

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(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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RESOLUTION

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES November 3, 1994

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- whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the Commission that the Declaration of Emergency it passed was defective in that facts sufficient to establish an emergency within the meaning of La. R.S. 49:953(B), were not established, and;
- WHEREAS, it has further been brought to the attention of the Commission that no statutory basis exists for the establishment of a paid permit system for the taking of catfish under the 11" minimum size proscribed by statute, and;
- whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the Commission that the joint House and Senate Natural Resources Committee having oversight power over Commission action has found that the Declaration of Emergency previously enacted by the Commission is without basis and that no statutory basis exists for the paid permit system established by the Resolution and Emergency Rule and has requested the Commission revoke and rescind the previous actions.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Declaration of Emergency and accompanying Resolution and Emergency Rule adopted by the Commission on October 6, 1994 purporting to reduce the size limit for channel catfish below the statutorily proscribed 11" minimum size be and hereby is revoked and repealed in its entirety.

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COMMISSION MEETING ROLL CALL

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Peter Vujnovich		<u></u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are _____ Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum. Secretary Herring is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION WOODWORTH, LA November 3, 1994 10:00 AM

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- 2. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 1994
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- 5. Announce 1995 Duck Stamp Winner Dave Morrison
- 6. Ratification Net Ban During Lake Drawdown Bennie Fontenot
- 7. Briefing on Opening of Commercial Freshwater Mussel Season in Louisiana - Dave Arnoldi
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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life
Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing
§175. Net Ban During Lake Drawdown

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:

John F. "Jeff" Schneider

Chairman

FRESHWATER MUSSEL COMMERCIAL HARVEST BRIEFING

DAVID C. ARNOLDI, INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

NOVEMBER 3, 1994

- I. Historical perspective Mussel Task Force
- II. Louisiana mussel surveys
 - A. Pearl River
 - B. Calcasieu River
 - C. Sabine River
 - D. Toledo Bend Reservoir
 - E. Tangipahoa River
 - F. Beouf River
 - G. Bayou Macon
 - H. Big Creek
 - I. Tensas Bayou
 - J. Tensas River
 - K. Lake Providence
 - L. Bayou Lafourche (Canal)
 - M. Ouachita River
 - N. Bayou Courtableu
 - O. Bayou Teche
 - P. Red River
 - Q. Bayou Pierre
 - R. Caddo Lake
 - S. Mermentau River
 - T. Bayou Negpique
 - U. Dugdemona River
 - V. Black Lake
- III. Notes on mussel biology
 - A. Age at sexual maturity
 - B. Age of legally harvestable mussels
 - C. Relative numbers of legally harvestable mussels
- IV. Potential impact of commercial harvest on mussel populations
- V. Enforcement/Inland Fisheries seminars and training sessions
- VI. Severance tax and report forms

RESOLUTION WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION **DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

November 3, 1994

- WHEREAS, the Commission, at its regular meeting of October 6, 1994 voted upon and passed a Declaration of Emergency and accompanying Resolution and Emergency Rule reducing the size limit for the take of channel catfish and establishing a paid permit system to allow the take of channel catfish between 8" and 11" by permittees within the specified area, and;
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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission

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Louisiana Legislature

SAMUEL B. NUNEZ, JR.
President of the Senate

JOHN A. ALARIO, JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives

November 2, 1994

Mr. John F. "Jeff" Schneider, Chairman Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission P. O. Box 98000 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Dear Mr. Schneider:

On Wednesday, November 2, 1994, the Joint House and Senate Natural Resources Committee held a Legislative Oversight meeting to discuss the emergency rule declared by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission relative to changing the minimum size limit allowed to be harvested for channel catfish in the Lac des Allemands area. The committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion by Co-Chairman Sam Theriot. The motion was as follows:

"That the Joint Committee go on record officially asking the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to immediately, upon their meeting tomorrow, Thursday, November 3, 1994, to take necessary actions to rescind this emergency rule and allow them, if they choose to do so, to conduct their own study to bring back that information at the regular session and to put in legislation, if necessary, to address this issue."

As Co-Chairman of the committee, I hereby notify you of this action and request that you act accordingly. I would also like to request that a copy of the minutes from your November 3rd meeting be sent to Representative, Theriot and me.

Sincerely,

Sam Thefiot, Chairman

House Natural Resources Committee

Toe McPherson, Chairman

Senate Natural Resources Committee

SENATE FAX # (504) 342-0617



LOUISIANA STATE SENATE

FAX TRANSMISSION

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TO:	Jeff Schneider, Chairman
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FROM:	Senator Joe McPherson
For Infor	mation Call (504) 342-0659
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Date of to	ransmission <u>11-2-94</u> .
Message	:
Susan,	

Here is the letter I called you about earlier. Please see that Mr. Schneider receives it so that this matter of business may be taken up at the Thursday, November 3rd meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Thank you.

tane Dugas, Secretary

Senate Natural Resources Committee



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Sincerely,

Sam Theriot Chairman

House Natural Resources Committee

Joe McPherson, Chairman
Senate Natural Resources Committee

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:301.5, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

"No new gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets or seines" shall be issued pending the establishment by the Legislature of a limited entry program for these gears; provided, however, that the Department shall issue renewal licenses to those individuals, persons, firms or corporations currently holding valid licenses for the above enumerated gear.

The Commission finds that sales of the above gear are increasing at a significant level and even greater levels of sales are anticipated in the near future, which could have negative social, economic and management implications for those fisheries utilizing these gears, and which will have negative economic impacts on the fishermen currently using these gears, both of which constitute an imminent peril to the public welfare of the State. This prohibition on the issuance on new licenses for the above enumerated gear shall remain in effect until a limited entry program is adopted by the Louisiana Legislature.

John "Jeff" Schneider Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

CHAPTER 3. SALTWATER SPORT AND COMMERCIAL FISHING

SECTION 347. LICENSE MORATORIUM: SALTWATER GILL NETS, TRAMMEL NETS AND SEINES

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a rule to prohibit the issuance of new gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets and seines pending the establishment by the Legislature of a limited entry program for these gears; provided, however, that the Department shall issue renewal licenses to those individuals currently holding valid licenses for the above enumerated gear.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., January 3, 1995 to John Roussel, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Post Office Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:301.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR : ().

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Photo by Jason Saucier, Jr. Chicot Lake, Evangeline Parish

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	_စ ≤ ಔ	APRIL M T W		Ash Wednesday New moon Start fertilizing farm ponds.	Begin drawdown of flooded areas managed for waterfowl.	Large spawning size black drum enter estuaries.	Largemouth bass begin nesting.
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9		Initial Wood Duck broods begin to appear.	Pink shrimp begin appearing in Chandeleur Sound.		First quarter moon		Coastal migratory species such as Florida pompano and Spanish mackerel booth arrivino
		(마	7	69	9		along the beaches.
	Mottled Ducks begin nesting on coast.	Turkey flocks break up as gobbling and courtship intensifies.	Clean and hang up hummingbird feeders with solution of four parts water and one part sugar.	Pheasant crowing counts begin.	Full moon	St. Patrick's Day Eastern Bluebirds begin building nests.	Peak black drum spawning.
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	Peak of Wood Duck nesting.	Spring equinox (first day of spring)		Initial nesting of Wild Turkeys.	Last quarter moon	Largemouth bass begin spauning.	Quail coveys begin to breakup.
	19	20	21	22	23	24	
-	Northern Parula Warblers return this month from wintering grounds in the Caribbean and Central		First peak of Wild Turkey gobbling.	Spring migration of Blue- winged Teal peaks.	New moon	Tubular red and yellow flowers of red buckeye visited by hummingbirds.	
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Joe L. Herring Secretary

William S. "Corky" Perret Assistant Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Office of Fisheries P.O. Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 504/765-2384 2370

October 27, 1994

Edwin W. Edwards Governor

MEMORANDUM:

TO:

Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM:

Lee Caubarreaux, Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT:

Aviation Report - September 1994

Total hours listed are:

G. Rackle	-	49.6
B. Stamey	-	23.3
M. Windham	-	14.4
D. Clause	-	34.0
TOTAL HOURS	-	121.30

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•	PLANE		FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED¹ COST(TOTAL)	 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	COMMISSION METHOD
N61092	Amphib	-	27.8	3,256.21	2,186.05	5,808.81
70365	Float-DC	-	34.0	3,135.82	1,602.08	4,458.76
N2576K	Float-MW	-	14.4	1,851.41	1,429.92	
N9467Y	210	-	21.9	2,447.11	3,282.91	4,529.14
N223MS	Partenavia	-	19.1	3,000.99	1,476.24	5,204.37
N57266	Aero Commander	-	4.1			
TOTALS			121.30	13,691.54	9,977.20	20,001.08

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

09/30/94

Stamey

Septemb	per, 1994			
		PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)		
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/06/94	Rackle	BR-NO-ROCKEFELLER-NO: marsh survey for ESPN film crew	6.5	S. Harris
09/07/94	Rackle	MSY-ROCKEFELLER-BR: transport equipment for film crew	1.7	
09/08/94	Stamey	BR:ROCKEFELLER-MSY-BR: transport equipment for film crew	3.3	
09/09/94	Stamey	BR-CATAHOULA LAKE-BR: waterfowl survey	2.2	J. Leslie
09/12/94	Stamey	BR→SW COASTAL ZONE→BR: waterfowl survey	5.0	R. Helm S. Durham
09/13/94	Stamey	BR-S CENTRAL COASTAL ZONE-BR: waterfowl survey(engine problems, took C-210)	.4	R. Helm S. Durham
		TOTAL	19.10	
		PLANE: N9467Y (210)		
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS 🔆	PASSENGERS
09/09/94	Stamey	BR-ROCKEFELLER-LAFOURCHE-BR: transport ESPN film crew	2.4	S. Harris T. Brockman
09/12/94	Rackle	BR-COASTAL-BR: LOOP survey	2.5	M. Fugler J. Duet
09/13/94	Stamey	BR-S CENTRAL COASTAL ZONE-BR: coastal waterfowl survey	4.8	R. Helm S. Durham
09/14/94	Stamey	BR-SE COATAL ZONE-BR: coastal waterfowl survey	3.2	R. Helm S. Durham R. Jubin (CS)
09/27/94	Rackle	BR-WOODWORTH-LOCAL-BR: hatchery construction inspection & aerial photos of same	2.5	C. Perret B. Fontenot J. Roussel
09/29/94	Rackle	BR-ROCKEFELLER-COASTAL-BR: waterfowl survey	4.5	T. H ess B. Wilson

BR-SW COASTAL ZONE-BR: goose

survey

G. Perry R. Helm

2.0

		TOTAL	21.9	
		PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)		
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/01/94	Clause	NI-NO REGION 8-NI: dove	4.0	R. Fyffe R. Martin
09/02/94	Clause	NI-HOUMA AREA-NI: oyster patrol	2.0	F. Travirca
09/03/94	Clause	NI-LAKE CHARLES-NI: dove field	4.0	J. Garlington G. Gremillion
09/04/94	Clause	NI-GRAND ISLE-NI: dove	1.0	G. Gremillion
09/07/94	Clause	NI-BLACK BAY-NI: oyster	4.0	J. Jukes
09/08/94	Clause	NI-BLACK BAY-NI: oyster	4.0	J. Jukes
09/13/94	Clause	NI-HOPEDALE-VIOLET-NI: crabs	4.3	P. Drury G. Gremillion
09/14/94	Clause	NI→REGION 5→NI: duck ponds	4.4	E. Broussard G. Gremillion
09/16/94	Clause	NI-REGIONS 8 & 9-NI: ducks	6.3	R. Chauvin B. Daigle A. Adams T. Adams W. Vidos
		TOTAL	34.0	
		PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)		
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/07/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: osyter season opening survey	3.6	C. Perret J. Burdon
09/08/94	Rackle	NO-ROCKEFELLER-NO: aborted trip to move ESPN crew-maintenance	3.5	
09/09/94	Rackle	NO-BR-NO: maintenance-float repair	1.7	
09/10/94	Rackle	NO-MSY-MARINE LAB-MSY-MARINE LAB-MSY-NO: transport ESPN crew and equipment	3.8	S. Harris T. Brockman-ESP C. Landry-ESPN
09/13/94.	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	1.7	R. Latapie
09/19/94	Rackle	NO-HOUMA-COASTAL: DNR permits	1.2	D. Watson

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09/19/94	Rackle	HOUMA-ATCHAFALAYA COASTAL-NO: nutria habitat survey & damage assessment	3.2	M. Carloss M. Consigio J. Camelot
09/21/94	Rackle	NO-LAFOURCHE-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	1.4	K. Kilgen
09/22/94	Rackle	NO-PASS-A-LOUTRE-COASTAL-NO: marsh management projects/survey teal	2.9	M. Windham
09/26/94	Rackle	NO-HOUMA-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	2.0	D. Watson
09/30/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	2.2	R. Latapie T. Bewig C. Landry
09/30/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	. 6	T. Killeen T. Bewig
		TOTAL	27.8	
		PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)	1 W 3 W	
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/08/94	Windham	NO-POINTE-AU-CHIEN/SALVADOR WMAS-NO: review Montegut & Grand Bayou Mgt. areas & mineral activities	2.0	
09/09/94	Windham	NO-PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA-NO: review mgt. area projects & mineral activities	1.9	
09/19/94	Windham	NO-PASS-A-LOUTRE/POINTE-AU- CHIEN/SALVADOR WMAS-NO: waterfowl mgt. & review mineral activities	2.6	
09/20/94	Windham	NO-ROCKEFELLER-NO: 3D seismic, also La. Film Commission	2.3	P. Seifert, La. Film Comm.
09/21/94	Windham	NO: 3D seismic	1.9	
09/28/94	Windham	NO-POINTE-AU-CHIEN-SALVADOR WMA-NO: review minerals & marsh	2.2	

NO-POINTE-AU-CHIEN WMA-NO: mgt.

units review

TOTAL

1.5

14.4

09/29/94

Windham

	PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)					
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS		
09/28/94	Rackle	BR~COASTAL~GALVESTON~BR: turtle meeting & turtle survey	4.1	C. Perret P. Bowman J. Roussel B. Savoie		
		TOTAL	4.1			
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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT OCTOBER 1994

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REGION I

TOTAL CASES-50

ENFORCEMENT-47

OTHER - 3

- 2-Boating
- 2-Angling W/O A License
- 7-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 4-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
- 5-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 6-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 5-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 2-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 5-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 1-Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
- 7-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

2 rifles.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

- 2-Boating
- 9-Fishing
- 31-Hunting
- 8-Misc.

TOTAL CASES-64

ENFORCEMENT-56

OTHER -8

- 10-Boating
- 1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 4-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass
- 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.
- 1-Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets-Freshwater
- 8-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.
- 3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
- 5-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
- 1-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
- 4-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 3-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally
- 11-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Littering
- 4-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
- 2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

3 illegal deer, 10 guns, 2-3 inch gill net, 1-2 inch gill net.

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

10-Boating

20-Fishing

32-Hunting

3-Trapping

8-Other

TOTAL CASES-105

ENFORCEMENT-105

OTHER - 0

- 13-Boating
- 13-Angling W/O A License
- 2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish
- 12-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License
- 7-Hunting: From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 6-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 3-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegally
- 5-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 1-Poss, Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.
- 1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
- 6-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
- 3-Possession Of Illegally Take Deer
- 2-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 12-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 2-Littering
- 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
- 3-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

 $4\ licenses,\ 5\ guns,\ 1\ pk.\ marijuana\ and\ paraphernalia,\ 1\ raccoon,\ 2\ black\ bass,\ 4\ rabbits,\ 4\ deer,\ 3\ squirrels.$

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

- 13-Boating
- 67-Hunting
- 16-Fishing
- 9-Misc.

TOTAL CASES-49

ENFORCEMENT-43

OTHER -6

- 1-Boating
- 7-Angling W/O A License
- 2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally
- 1-Take/Poss. Spoonbill Catfish
- 6-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
- 2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 4-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 2-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit
- 5-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 1-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
- 2-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season
- 6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 1-Flight From An Officer
- 1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

CONFISCATIONS:

3 guns, 2 deer, 1 dove, 1 chimney sweep, 32 spoonbill, 21 crappie, 1 bass.

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GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

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26-Hunting

11-Fishing

2-Federal

6-WMA

3-Other

TOTAL CASES-132

ENFORCEMENT-117

<u>OTHER - 15</u>

38-Boating

26-Angling W/O a License Non-Resident

9-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

12-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

5-Transport W/O Required License

3-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

4-Hunting W/O Resident License

8-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

7-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

4-Aggravated Assault On An Officer

2-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

3-Criminal Damage Of State Property

10-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

28 boxes of crabs, 85 lbs. of shrimp, 9 redfish, 17 black drum, 1 rabbit, 177 doves.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

38-Boating

55-Fishing

29-Hunting

10-Other

TOTAL CASES-101

ENFORCEMENT-87

OTHER -14

- 27-Boating
- 36-Angling W/O A License
- 1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 4-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 4-Take Illegal Size Black Bass
- 1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
- 3-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 7-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 2-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit
- 1-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations
- 1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game Lic.
- 1-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
- 2-Hunt/Trap On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee
- 7-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
- 1-Taking Ibis-No Season
- 1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

6 black bass, 1 fawn, 1 doe deer, 1 rifle, 1 ibis, 3 squirrels, 13 doves, 1 raccoon.

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GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

- 27-Boating
- 25-Hunting
- 49-Fishing

TOTAL CASES-99

ENFORCEMENT-86

OTHER -13

- 7-Boating
- 8-Angling W/O A License
- 3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 3-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic. Non-Resident
- 11-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
- 10-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 9-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 10-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 6-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit
- 3-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
- 2-Possession Of Gun While Bow Hunting For Deer
- 4-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 1-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
- 1-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
- 4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs On WMA
- 2-Criminal Trespass
- 2-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

- 1-Littering
- 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

1 spotted fawn, 1 buck deer, 2 guns.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

- 7-Boating
- 15-Fishing
- 64-Hunting
- 13-Other

TOTAL CASES-247

ENFORCEMENT-227

OTHER ___ - 20

- 27-Boating
- 68-Angling W/O A License
- 9-Angling W/O Saltwater License
- 11-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum
- 13-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
- 10-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
- 1-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout
- 3-Not Abiding By Commission Rules & Regulations Comm. Finfish
- 5-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License
- 2-Transport W/O Required License
- 8-Leave Nets Unattended
- 2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish
- 1-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 4-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 2-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
- 1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
- 1-Violate Commission Rules On Commercial Fish
- 1-Violate Mullet Regulations
- 3-Take Shrimp Illegal Methods
- 6-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 3-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 11-Fishing In Closed Or Restricted Area
- 2-Littering
- 1-License Fraud
- 2-Driving Without Operators License
- 3-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9
- 1-D.W.I.
- 7-Trespassing On Federal Mgt. Area
- 5-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License
- 2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 4-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 2-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road
- 3-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
- 1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 4-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
- 2-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 1-Hunt MGB Without State Stamp
- 6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

60 whole fish, 40 lbs. of shrimp donated, 1 squirrel, 1,088 lbs. of fish sold for \$552.55, 98 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$274.30, 3 licenses, 10,971 feet of gill net.

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6-WMA

REGION 8 CONT'D.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

27-Boating
112-Fishing
34-Commercial
3-Trawling
9-Oyster
21-Hunting
11-Restricted Or Closed Area
6-MGB
16-Misc.

TOTAL CASES-183

ENFORCEMENT-159

<u>OTHER - 24</u>

25-Boating

17-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

18-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

8-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

16-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

5-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Poss.

3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Take/Possess Undersize Frogs

1-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

4-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

1-Sale Of Reptiles Or Amphibians W/O Collectors License

2-Theft Of Crab Trap

8-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

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REGION 9 CONT'D.

- 2-Sell Undersize Crabs
- 4-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp
- 4-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 4-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 10-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 3-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 3-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 1-Take Over Limit Of Raccoons Or Opossums
- 1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA By Crabbing W/Crab Traps
- 9-Not Abiding by Rules/Regs. On WMA By Using Skimmers
- 4-Use WMA W/O License Or State Stamp
- 1-Possess Over Limit Of Rails
- 2-Taking Grobec-No Season
- 2-Criminal Trespass
- 1-Driving W/O Driving License

CONFISCATIONS:

471 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$347.25, 144 catfish sold for \$43.65, 2,600 lbs. of crabs released, 12 gamefish, 33 black drum, 70 red drum, 20 speckled trout, 3 grobec, 1 cobia, 2 rabbits, 4 raccoons, 10 skimmer nets, 2 rifles, 1 outboard motor.

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-68

- 3-Boating
- 1-Angling W/O A License
- 7-Possession O/L Of Red Drum
- 11-Possession Undersize Red Drum
- 1-Possession Undersize Speckled Trout
- 10-Possession Undersize Black Drum
- 2-Possession O/L Black Drum
- 2-No Commercial License
- 1-No Gear License
- 2-No Vessel License
- 1-Removal Of Crab Trap Contents
- 2-Use License Of Another
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Vessel License
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Gear License
- 1-Theft Of Crab Trap
- 8-Take Oysters Off Of Unleased Saltwater Bottoms
- 1-Harvest Oysters Without Harvester License
- 3-Hunt From Moving Vehicle
- 3-Hunt Illegal Hours
- 7-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

220 sacks of oysters, 1 crab trap, 1 trawl, 71 red drum, 29 black drum, 1 speckled trout, 1 box of crabs, 3

licenses.

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SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-35

- 3-Angling W/O A License
- 2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
- 3-Angling W/O Saltwater License
- 2-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
- 2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
- 1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Poss.
- 1-Transport W/O Required License
- 4-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 4-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 3-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 3-Running Deer Dogs During Still Hunt Season
- 2-Criminal Trespass On State Property

CONFISCATIONS:

1200 feet of gill net, 1 spotted fawn.

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<u>S.W.E.P.</u>

HOURS RUNNING TIME-69

BOATS CHECKED -114

TOTAL CASES-30

- 1-Operate Unregistered Motorboat
- 1-Operate Commercial Gear W/O Commercial Gear License
- 2-Poss. Undersize Red Drum
- 4-Angling W/O Non-Res. Basic License
- 3-Angling W/O Non-Res. Saltwater License
- 10-Angling W/O Basic License
- 4-Angling W/O Saltwater License
- 1-Expired Boat Registration
- 1-Possess Overlimit Speckled Trout
- 1-Take Shrimp Illegal Method
- 1-No Commercial Fish License
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

CONFISCATIONS:

10,000 feet of gill net.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-	942
TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV	<u>90</u>
TOTAL CASES OSFORCE -	<u>68</u>
TOTAL CASES SSFORCE -	<u>35</u>
TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P -	<u> 30</u>
CRAND TOTAL	1062

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:301.5, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

No new gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets or seines shall be issued pending the establishment by the Legislature of a limited entry program for this gear; provided, however, that the Department shall issue renewal licenses to those individuals currently holding valid licenses for the above enumerated gear.

The Commission finds that sales of the above gear are increasing at a significant level and even greater levels of sales are anticipated in the near future, which could have a negative biological impact on the fisheries species targeted by these gear, and which will have negative economic impacts on the fishermen currently using these gear, both of which constitute an imminent peril to the public welfare of the State. This prohibition on the issuance of new licenses for the above enumerated gear shall remain in effect until a limited entry program is adopted by the Louisiana Legislature.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider Chairman State of Louisiana

Joe L. Herring Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Post Office Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 (504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

November 1, 1994

TO:

Joe L. Herring Fred Prejean Corky Perret Winton Vidrine

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FROM:

Don Puckett

Attached, please find Declaration of Emergency, Notice of Intent and Rule prohibiting the sale of new gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets and seines. Please review and provide me with your comments as soon as possible.

If you have any thoughts on the present lack of separation between saltwater and freshwater trammel nets and seines, please provide them to me.

Additionally, please find license sales and revenue data provided by License Section.

If possible, a meeting with all of you prior to Thursday's Commission meeting would be advisable. Thank you.

NOTICE OF INTENT DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

TITLE 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

CHAPTER 3. SALTWATER SPORT AND COMMERCIAL FISHING

SECTION 347. LICENSE MORATORIUM: SALTWATER GILL NETS, TRAMMEL NETS AND SEINES

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a rule to prohibit the issuance of new gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets and seines pending the establishment by the Legislature of a limited entry program for this gear; provided, however, that the Department shall issue renewal licenses to those individuals currently holding valid licenses for the above enumerated gear.

Interested	persons may submit written comm	nents relative to the	proposed	rule
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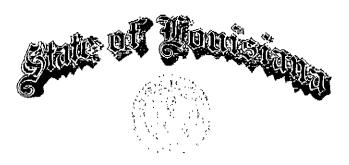
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RES. FISH SEINE-ANY LEGAL #	233	4,660	246	4,920	243	4,860	\$	3,880	8	3,700	8	760
RES. TRAMMEL NET-ANY LEGAL #	586	11,730	553	11,070	487	9,740	495	006'6	475	9,500	33	780
N/R TRAMMEL NET-ANY LEGAL #	2	475	4	999	4	380	80	092	6	855	10	950
N/R FISH SEIN-ANY LEGAL NUMBER	5	475	8	285	9	285	-	95				
RES MULLET PERMIT					535	53500	329	32900	209	60,700	389	38,900
N/R MULLET PERMIT					161	64,400	53	11600	95	38,000	109	43,600
RES SALTWATER GILL NET					536	131320	931	228095	939	230,055	321	78,645
N/R SALTWATER GILL NET					7	6965	80	79600	89	88,555	102	101,490
TOTAL	829	17,340	808	16,940	1,976	271,450	2,067	16,940 1,976 271,450 2,067 366,830 2,399	2,399	431,365	1,008	265,125

COMMERCIAL LICENSE TYPE	89-90	90-91	91-92	92-93	93-94
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RES. TRAMMEL NET-ANY LEGAL #	586	553	487	495	475
N/R TRAMMEL NET-ANY LEGAL #	5	7	4	8	9
N/R FISH SEIN-ANY LEGAL NUMBER	5	3	3	1	
RES SALTWATER GILL NET			536	931	939
N/R SALTWATER GILL NET			7	80	89
TOTAL	829	809	1280	1709	1697

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION JOHN F. "JEFF" SCHNEIDER

CHAIRMAN

AT. I, BOX 201 LORANGER, LOUISIANA 70446 504/876-6733

October 24, 1994

Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commissioners 2000 Quail Drive Baton Rouge, La. 70808

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Stanford Bardwell regarding the recent rule regarding channel catfish. I am sure you are aware that this action has brought forth strong forces and is now before the courts. I understand that the House Natural Resources Oversight Committee will hold a special hearing on this matter in the near future. In addition, some or all of us may be deposed and/or subpoenaed to testify before Judge Clark. You may be asked about who you met with prior to the Commission meeting and on what basis did you decide your vote. I have retained my own personal attorney in this matter and you might give this some thought as well.

If you have any thoughts on this issue, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely.

John F."Jeff" Schneider, Chairman

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cc: Joe Herring

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October 21, 1994

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission 2000 Quail Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Gentlemen:

I represent the Louisiana Natural Freshwater Catfish Association, a group of commercial fishermen and processors from all over the state. My clients strongly object to the rule recently adopted reducing the permissible length at which channel catfish may be taken from 11" to 8" as being unsound resource management. More importantly, however, they believe that you exceeded your statutory authority in taking this action and the rule is invalid. R.S. 56:326(A)(7)(b) authorizes the Commission to make a reduction from the 11" statutory minimum provided biological information is submitted to you that such a reduction would not be harmful to the resource. I have reviewed the minutes and transcripts of your meetings of June, July, September and October of 1994 and suggest that the requisite biological information was not presented to you. I also suggest that the finding of imminent peril to public welfare, required by the Administrative Procedures Act to authorize adoption of emergency rules without notice, is not supported by any findings in the records of the proceedings. In fact, the transcript of the October meeting will reflect that the finding and explanation of emergency were added as an after-thought, only upon advice of the attorney for the department.

In light of the judicial continuance, I respectfully request that the commission avail itself of the opportunity to review and reconsider the action with respect to the emergency rule, declare the action invalid, and recall the rule.

Very Truly Yours,

Bardwell-h well, Jr. Stanford O. Bardwell, Jr.

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10/31/94

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING IN WOODWORTH REVISED

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has revised the agenda for its next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3, 1994, at 10 a.m. at Alexander State Forest headquarters near Woodworth, La.

The meeting is open to the public. The revised agenda is as follows.

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Approval of Oct. 6 minutes.
- 3. Presentation from the Society of Petroleum Engineers.
- 4. Forestry resolution.
- 5. Announcement of the winner of the 1995 Duck Stamp competition.
- 6. Ratification: net ban during lake drawdown.
- 7. Briefing on opening of commercial Freshwater Mussel Season in Louisiana.
- 8. Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation information.
- Discussion and possible Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent on Limited
 Entry Committee recommendations relative to fish seines, trammel nets, and
 saltwater gill nets.
- 10. Des Allemands channel catfish:
 - a. Ten percent tolerance on undersized fish;
 - b. Commission legal representation, La. Natural Freshwater Catfish Association Inc. et al. vs. La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (executive session).
- 11. Update on goose creeping.
- 12. Set March 1995 meeting date.
- 13. Public comments.

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Governor

October 27, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jerald Hanchey, Joseph Cormier and Perry Gisclair

FROM:

ree John Malievich, Committee Chairman

SUBJECT:

Limited Entry Committee Meeting

I am calling a Limited Entry Committee Meeting for Thursday, November 3, 1994, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss limited entry options. The meeting will be held at the Headquarters Building in Woodworth (the same place for the Commission Meeting).

Thank you.

TJM:sch

cc: Chairman Jeff Schneider

Joe Herring Fred Prejean Corky Perret Don Puckett

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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NOVEMBER COMMISSION MEETING IN WOODWORTH

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The meeting is open to the public. The agenda is as follows.

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FROM:

Joe L. Herring, Secretar

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9. Attorney's Report

10. Inland Fisheries Report

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11. Civil Restitution/Class One Update

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- 12. Goose Creeping Update
- 13. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/October

JOE L. HERRING

- 14. Secretary's Report to the Commission
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- 16. Public Comments

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October 12, 1994

Susan Hawkins Office of Wildlife, LDWF P. O. Box 98000

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Dear Ms. Hawkins: Swar

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission invite you to participate in a very special day on November 3, 1994. Three functions are scheduled in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Foremost will be the formal dedication of the Department's recently completed Environmental Education Center at Woodworth, followed by a tour of on-going renovations of the nearby Beechwood Fish Hatchery. In addition, guests will participate in a ground breaking ceremony for the new Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery, which will greatly expand the Department's fish production capacity.

The functions will be held on each site following the commission meeting at the Alexandria State Forest headquarters' facility. The Commission meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and dedication ceremonies will start at 1:00 PM at the Environmental Center. Ground breaking ceremonies will begin at the site of the new Booker Fowler Hatchery at 2:30 PM. and, immediately thereafter, a guided tour of the renovations at Beechwood Fish Hatchery will begin.

Overnight facilities will be available on November 2 at the Environmental Center Dormitories and at the Alexandria State Forest Lodge. An evening meal will be provided on November 2 and the Environmental Center shooting range will open from 2:00 PM. Skeet shooting will be available and those wishing to sight-in personal rifles may do so. Overnight accommodations will be available on a first come - first served basis. We would appreciate an RSVP as soon as possible so that final arrangements can be completed for those who plan to attend and/or to stay overnight. We have enclosed an agenda and a map of all locations.

Should you have any questions, please contact Arthur Williams or Cookie Hayden at (504) 765-2329.

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION EDUCATIONAL CENTER DEDICATION AND BOOKER-FOWLER HATCHERY GROUND BREAKING

NOVEMBER 3, 1994

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR OVERNIGHT GUESTS - FORESTRY HEADQUARTERS

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. FREE TIME

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. COMMISSION MEETING - FORESTRY HEADQUARTERS

12:01 P.M. - 12:45 P.M. LUNCH AT FORESTRY HEADQUARTERS

12:45 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. DRIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. DEDICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

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STATE SENATOR JOE MCPHERSON*
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JEFF SCHNEIDER*

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2:00 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. DRIVE TO NEW HATCHERY SITE

2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

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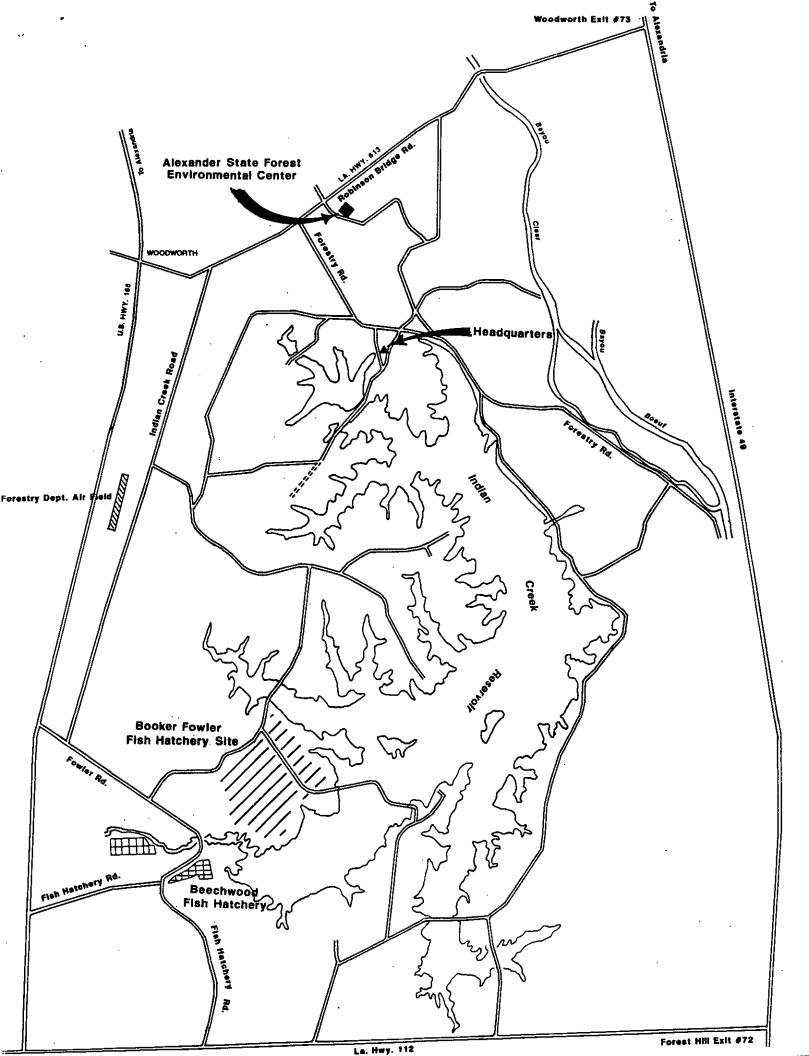
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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

P.O. BOX 65239 AUDUBON STATION BATON ROUGE, LA 70896-5239 (504) 344-6707

July 11, 1994

Mr. Joe L. Herring, Secretary Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries P. O. Box 98000 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000

Dear Joe:

As you know, the Federation adopted a resolution (copy enclosed) proposing consideration of allowing the use of tracking dogs to recover wounded deer during the deer season. If this is to be a possibility for the 1995/96 deer hunting season we need to begin working with your department, the LWFC and interested hunters/organizations soon to see what might be feasible. Accordingly, we request that you appoint personnel within the agency to work with us in that regard. I suggest the Deer Study Leader, the enforcement chief or other knowledgeable enforcement officer, perhaps an attorney, an I&E staffer and any other LDWF personnel you think appropriate. Federation representatives will include LOWA officers, members of the Bayou State Bowhunters, Hunters Against Poachers and perhaps Senator McPherson.

We'd like this subject, the use of tracking dogs to recover wounded deer, to be placed on the agenda of the September meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. I will be in touch with you after the first of the month to discuss this with you further.

Thanks for your help and cooperation with this request.

Sincerely yours,

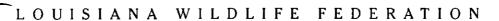
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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE ASSISTANT SECRETARY





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RESOLUTION NO. 13/14C

SUBJECT: TRAILING WOUNDED DEER WITH DOGS

WHEREAS, the present law prohibits the use of a dog to trail a wounded deer during "still hunting only" and archery deer season, and

WHEREAS, many deer are needlessly wasted due to lack of ability of human means to track them, and

WHEREAS, use of dogs in locating and retrieving waterfowl, upland game birds, rabbits and even squirrels is considered an ethical and good conservation practice, and

WHEREAS, neighboring states of Mississippi and Alabama have no regulations prohibiting the use of tracking dogs and have no significant problems with illegal use of tracking dogs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation urges the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt a policy allowing the use of tracking dogs for locating wounded deer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LWF urges the LDWF to consult with hunter groups to specify breed of dogs or other criteria that will facilitate enforcement of this policy.

Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation in convention assembled, 27 February 1994 in Lake Charles, LA.

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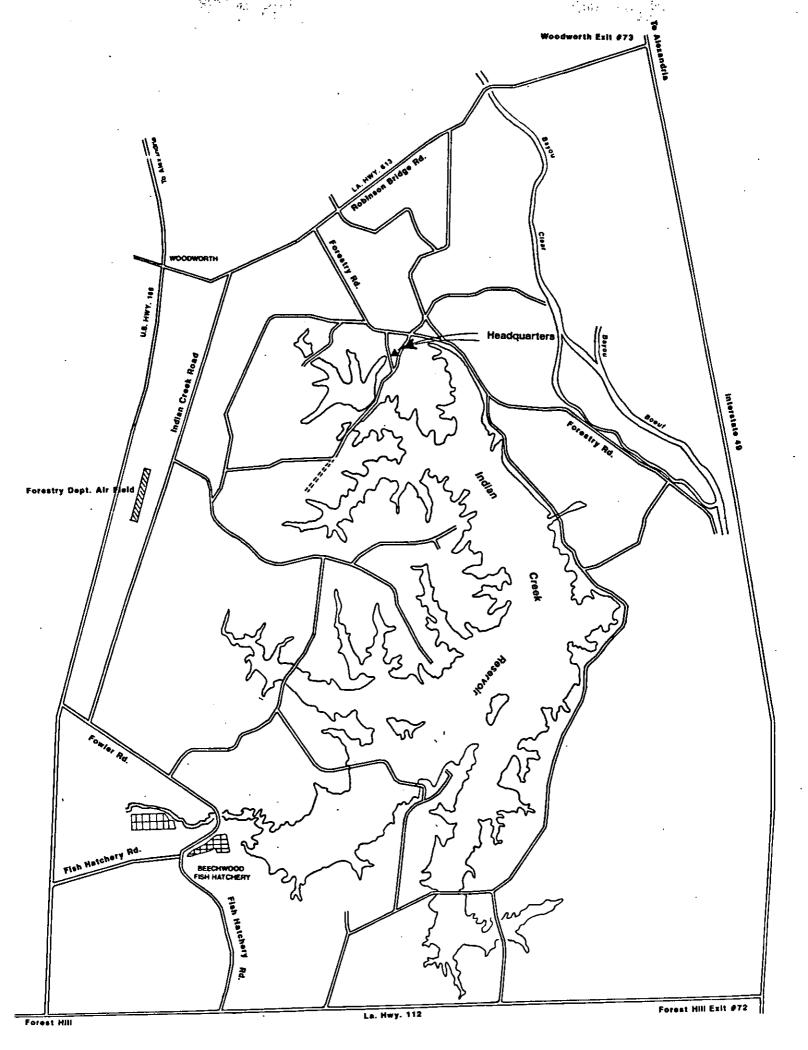
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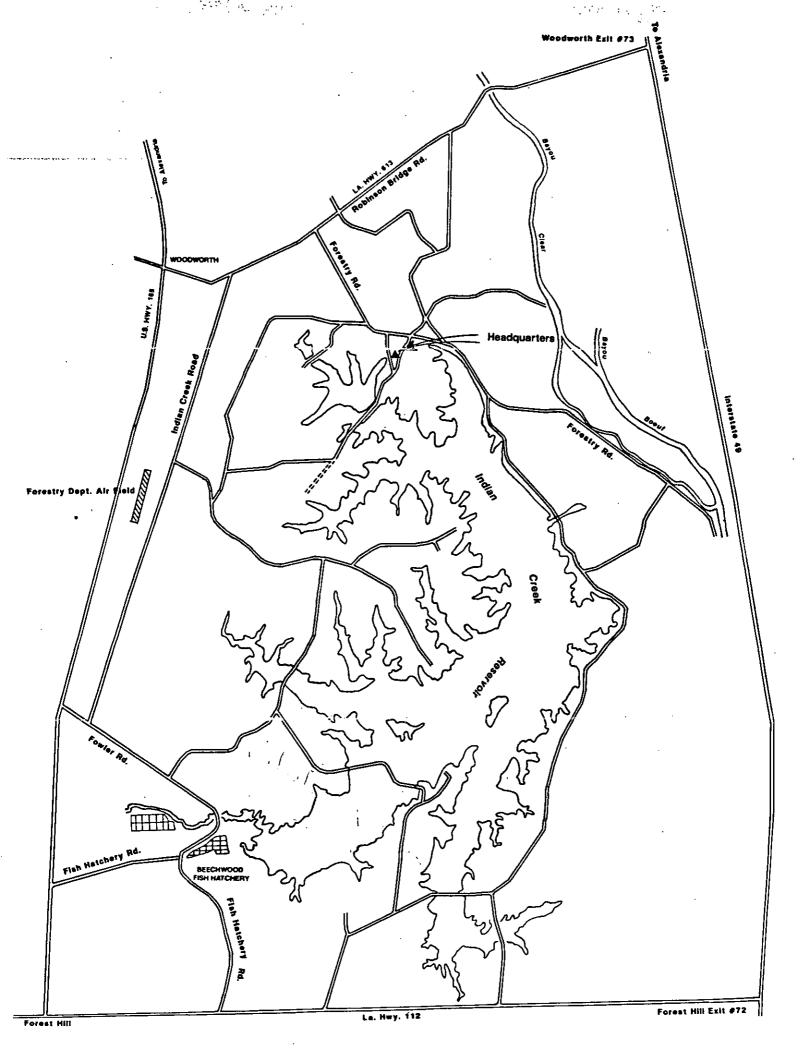
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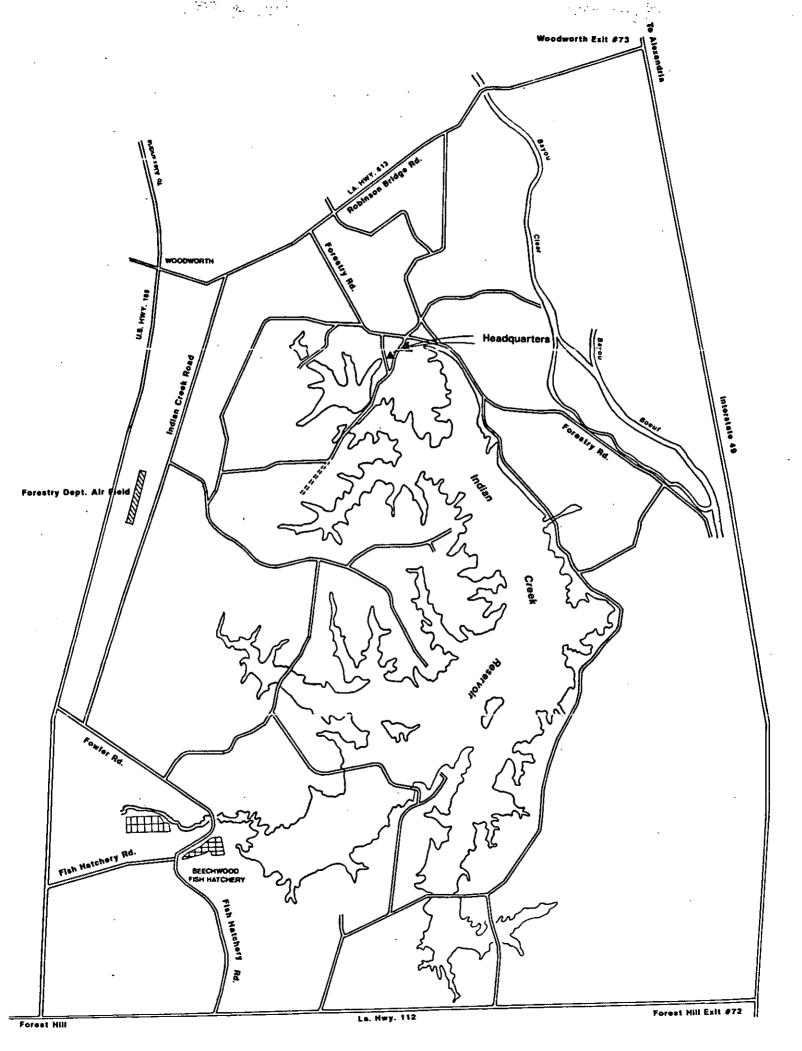
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October 20, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Susan Hawkins

FROM:

Karen Foote, Marine Fisheries Division

RE:

Commission Agenda

At this time the Marine Fisheries Division has no items to be placed on the agenda for the next commission meeting.

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cc: John Roussel



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Joe L. Herring Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Post Office Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 (504) 765-2800

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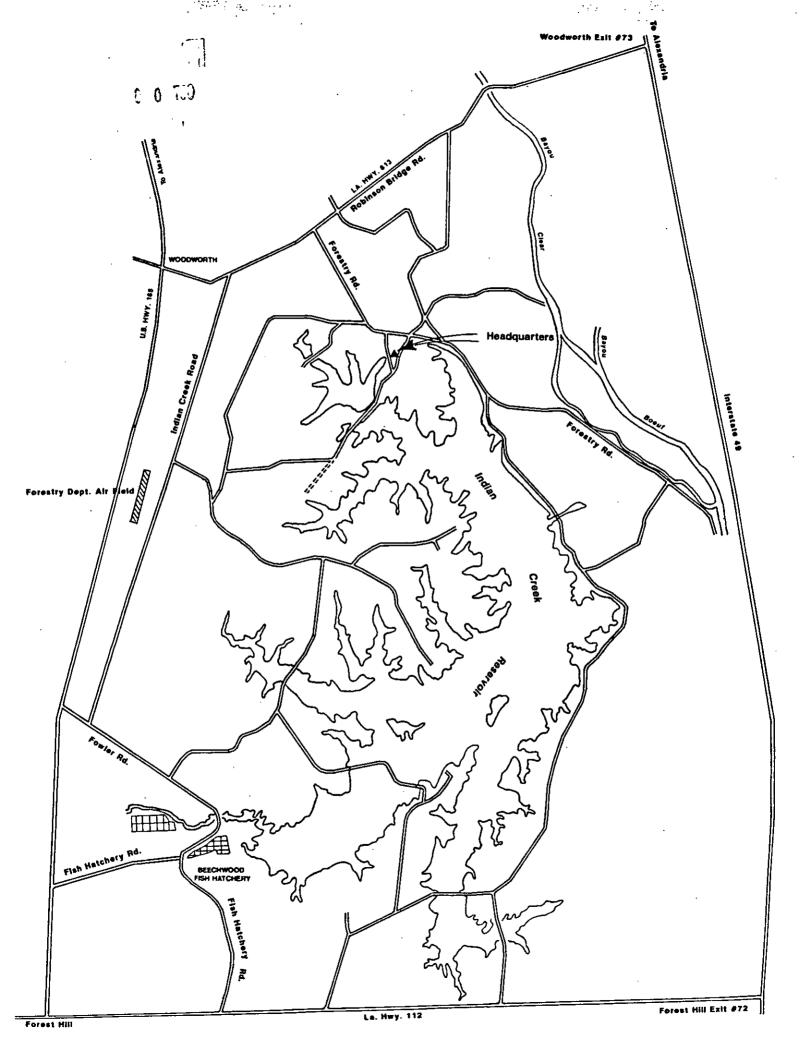
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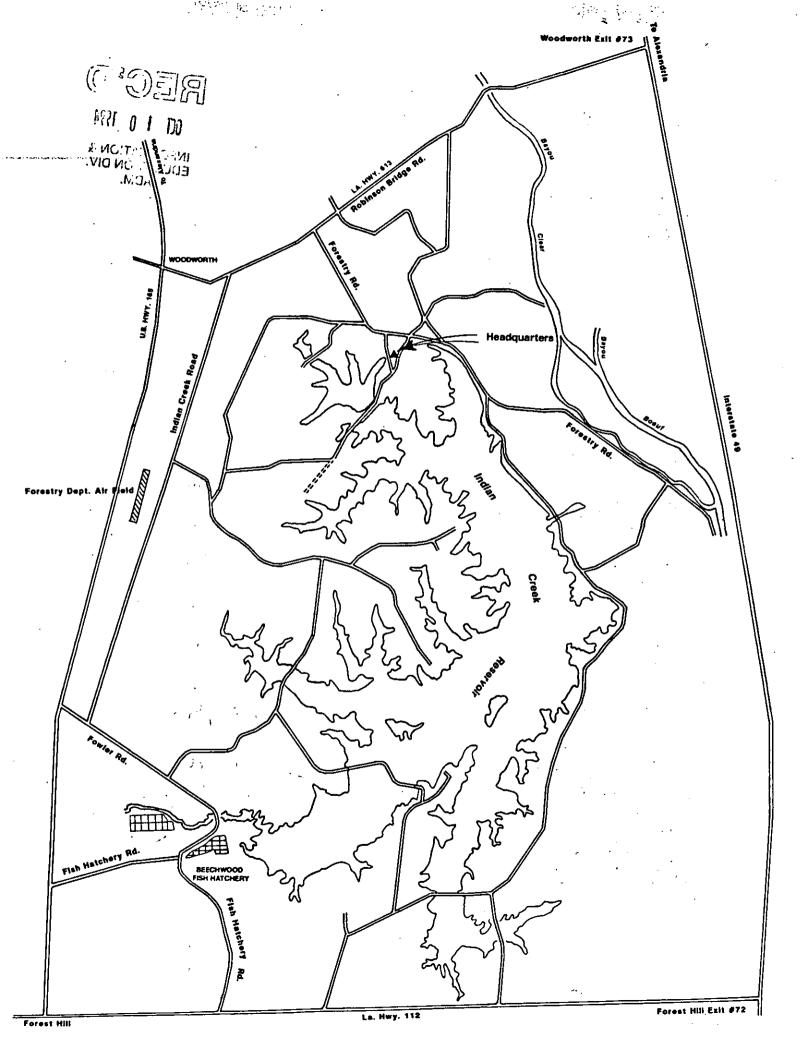
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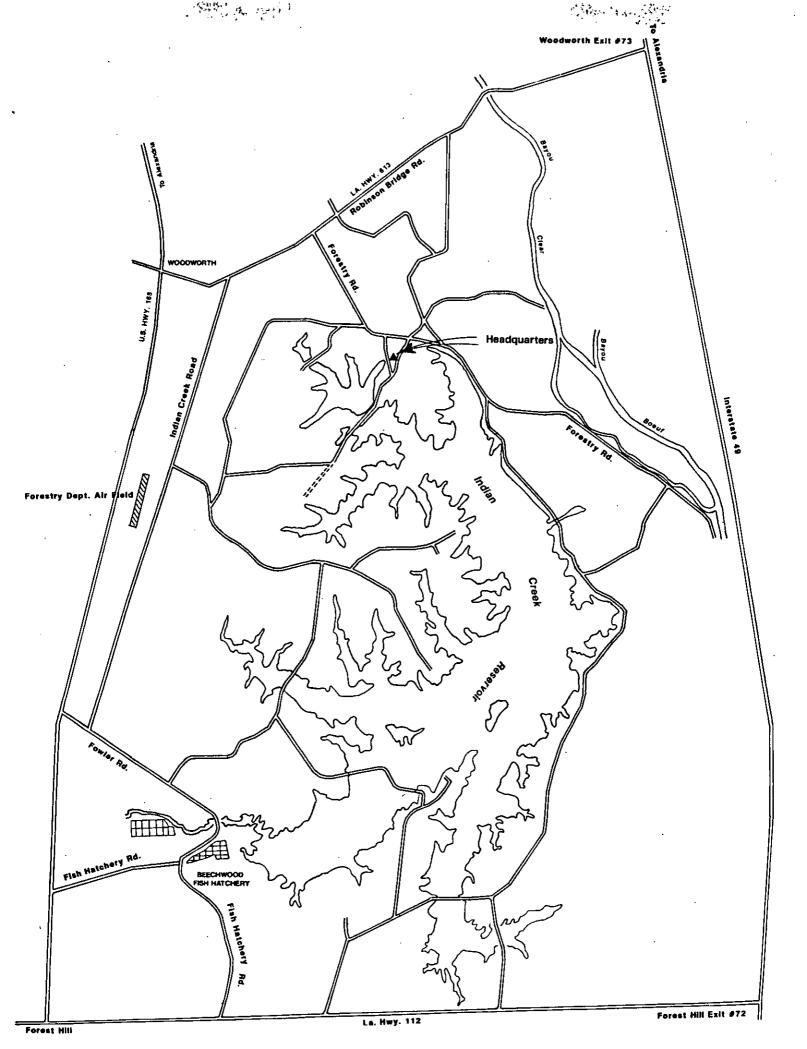
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September 15, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arthur Williams

FROM:

Joe L. Herring

RE:

Map - Alexander State Forest Headquarters

Arthur, map is okay, but more of the roads should have names or numbers to follow. Please check on this. Looks like this was taken from a quad and nothing added.

Thanks!

JLH/pc

C: Susan Hawkins